

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Transportation was held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Robert Nichols, Chair
Senator Kel Seliger, Vice Chair
Senator Carol Alvarado
Senator César Blanco
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Charles Perry

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Royce West

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 2749 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2749 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2167 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. There being no public testimony, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2167 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2431 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. There being no public testimony, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2431 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3067 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. There being no public testimony, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 3067 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1759 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. There being no public testimony, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 1759 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3395 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 3395 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2243 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 2243 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3390 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 3390 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3401 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 3401 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1371 and recognized Senator Blanco, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. Senator Blanco sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator

Blanco to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 1371 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Seliger assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1257 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that HB 1257 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2152 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nichols to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that HB 2152 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2223 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that HB 2223 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3282 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nichols to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 3282 do not pass but that CSHB 3282 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Alvarado moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1257, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Nichols moved that HB 1257 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2152, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Nichols moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2152 do not pass but that CSHB 2152 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2223, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2223 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1371, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Seliger moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Blanco moved that HB 1371 do not pass but that CSHB 1371 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Blanco moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1759, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved that HB 1759 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting

aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2167, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Seliger moved that HB 2167 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2431, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Seliger moved that HB 2431 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2749, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Seliger moved that HB 2749 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3067, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Seliger moved that HB 3067 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3390, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Blanco moved that HB 3390 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Blanco moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3395, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 3395 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3401, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Blanco moved that HB 3401 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Blanco moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2243, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 2243 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 9:03 AM Senator Nichols moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Robert Nichols, Chair

Amy Jeter, Clerk